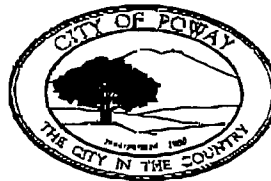


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The Honorable Ken Calvert, Chair
House Water and Power Subcommittee
1522 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Grace Napolitano,
Ranking Member
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Subject: City of Poway, California – Support for HR 2828

Dear Chairman Calvert and Ranking Member Napolitano:

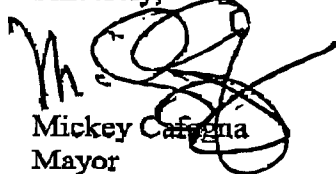
On behalf of the Poway City Council, I am pleased to support HR 2828, which is truly landmark bipartisan legislation reauthorizing the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and addressing water challenges across the western areas of the United States.

The CALFED Program is still California's best chance to make long-term, statewide improvements to water supply and conveyance infrastructure while restoring the environment and helping recover threatened species. For residents and businesses within the City of Poway, CALFED's implementation will bring about day-to-day progress on water reliability and water quality.

It is extremely important that the program be reauthorized this year, and the City of Poway appreciates your commitment to furthering this process. Intense pressure continues to stress California's existing water resources, with focal points on the Colorado River, the Bay-Delta and the Klamath. The CALFED Bay-Delta Program has been held up as the model for resolving conflicts in California and throughout the west where water issues are so critical. The program, however, can never realize its potential without authorization and funding.

For these reasons, the Poway City Council fully supports the concepts contained in HR 2828, and we look forward to its passage.

Sincerely,



Mickey Cafagna
Mayor

cc: Senator Dianne Feinstein
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